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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT <u>UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115</u>

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Examiner: Harris, Alana M.

Sir/Madam:

This paper is filed in response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, dated 21 June 2001. This paper is submitted on Monday, 23 June 2001, within the one (1) month shortened statutory period to comply with the Notice.

Please enter the following amendments prior to examination on the merits:

IN THE SEQUENCE LISTING

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.825(a), please delete the original Sequence Listing (42 pages) and replace the deleted Sequence Listing sheets with the attached Substitute Sequence Listing (35 pages).

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification to reply to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures. dated 21 June 2001; a copy of said Notice is attached with this response. Specifically, Applicants have submitted a substitute paper copy of the Sequence Listing and Computer Readable Form (CRF) of the Sequence Listing as provided under 37 C.F.R. §1.825. No new matter is added. Examination and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.